

CHARLESTON, S.C.
POST

E - 40,715

FEB 16 1977

Our Man At CIA

Give Jimmy Carter credit for one thing — he learns from his mistakes. After the fiasco brought about by the nomination of Theodore Sorensen to head the Central Intelligence Agency, he has taken a page from his own book "Why Not the Best?" and tapped Adm. Stansfield Turner for the job.

Adm. Turner, who currently serves as commander in chief of Allied Forces in Southern Europe, was a classmate of President Carter at the U. S. Naval Academy and a Rhodes scholar.

He is generally acknowledged as one of the Navy's hardest-driving and most accomplished flag officers. A protege of Adm. Elmo Zumwalt, the former chief of naval operations, Adm. Turner managed to escape much of the controversy surrounding that officer's term as CNO. He was himself considered a front-runner for appointment to the Na-

vy's top post before being nominated to head the CIA.

Predictably, liberal circles have criticized the president's choice of a military man. If confirmed by the Senate, Adm. Turner will be the fifth flag officer to serve as CIA director. By statute, at least one of the top two officials in the agency must be a civilian.

Stansfield Turner is an outstanding choice as director of the Central Intelligence Agency, and we hope to see his appointment confirmed shortly after Congress returns on Feb. 22 from its current recess.